

ABSTRACT

An assembly for supporting a mixer shaft in an opening in a vessel wall ha  
a support mounted to the vessel wall around the opening and a seal ring supported  
by the support that engages a circumference of the mixer shaft with a sealing  
5 contact. A first bearing is mounted to the support that surrounds and supports the  
mixer shaft at one axial location thereof and a second bearing is mounted to the  
support that surrounds and supports the mixer shaft at a second axial location  
thereof.